

Book Review

Medical Clinics of North America. Volume 3, Number 2 (September, 1919). New York Number. 300 pages. Published bi-monthly. W. B. Saunders Company. 1919. Price per year, \$10.

W. T. Longcope: Cerebral and spinal manifestations of purpura haemorrhagica. **Leo Buerger:** Cystitis; discussion regarding its therapy. **G. R. Pisek:** Common disorders of childhood. **H. O. Mosenthal:** Symptoms and treatment of retention of waste products in nephritis. **W. W. Herrick** and **A. M. Dannenberg:** Recurring meningococcic meningitis. **A. F. Chase:** Value of chemical blood examinations in diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of some constitutional conditions. **G. S. Willis:** Radium therapy. **M. A. Rothchild** and **A. O. Wilensky:** Cholelithiasis. **M. H. Kahn:** Functional diagnosis of the heart. **A. R. Lamb:** Flint murmur. **A. S. Blumgarten:** Vagotonia and sympathicotonia as aids in diagnosis and treatment of endocrine condition. **H. F. Wolf:** Physical therapy in locomotor ataxia. **I. W. Held:** Discussion on the splenomegalies.

Geriatrics. By Malford W. Thewlis. 250 pages. Illustrated. C. V. Mosby Company. 1919. Price, \$3.

This book of 242 pages discusses in an interesting way the diseases of the aged. It is an exceedingly helpful book for any physician who has much to do with the old as in soldiers' homes or in asylums. The book contains much which will be of interest also to the general practitioner, a considerable portion of whose work must be done amongst the old. Dr. Thewlis discusses the public neglect of the aged, the value of old age, the hygienic care of the aged, their work, the care of their eyes, the problems of the senile mind, their gastrointestinal troubles, their tendency to arteriosclerosis, nephritis and bronchitis. He makes a number of practical suggestions, and points out some of the things which one must avoid. Thus, most of us know that it is not wise to keep old people in bed after fractures or other illnesses, but we do not all appreciate the importance of other things which he mentions.

W. C. A.

The Medical Clinics of North America. Volume III, Number IV (The Boston Number, January, 1920). Octavo of 316 pages, 43 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1920. Published bi-monthly. Price, per clinic year: paper, \$12.00. Cloth, \$16.00.

H. A. Christian: Defects in membranous bones, exophthalmos and diabetes insipidus; an unusual syndrome of dyspituitarism. **E. P. Joslin:** Diabetes of long duration. **W. H. Robey:** Pericarditis. **E. A. Locke:** Malignant disease of the lungs probably secondary to a hypernephroma of kidneys. **M. J. Rosenau:** Studies in food poisoning. **J. P. O'Hare:** Vascular hypertension. **C. W. McClure:** Gout. **G. R. Minot:** Two cases with chronic gastrointestinal symptoms. **F. T. Lord:** Certain types of pneumonia and serum treatment. **P. D. White:** Diagnostic value of electro-cardiography of hearts beating regularly. **R. I. Lee:** Albuminuria in young men. **F. M. Rackemann:** Asthma, hay-fever and allied conditions. **J. H. Means:** Hyperthyroidism—toxic goitre. **Reginald Fritz:** Surgical anaesthetics in diabetes mellitus. **F. B. Talbot:** Whooping cough. **Stanley Cobb:** Treatment of psychoneurotic. **L. H. Spooner:** Laboratory diagnosis.

Narcotic Drug Problem. By Ernest S. Bishop. 165 pages. New York: Macmillan Company. 1920.

In this book the author presents his experiences with theories of, and deductions from the narcotic drug addictions as he has analyzed them while a practicing physician in various New York hospitals and clinics.

He regards the unfortunate addict not as a "dope fiend" but as an individual extremely sick with so-called "addiction disease," who requires his narcotic to keep him in a fair state of efficiency.

He is in favor of a clinic where the addict, many of whom he regards worthy, may obtain narcotics at cost price, until further investigation of the problem leads to means of ultimate cure.

The author pleads for investigation, research, publicity and education in regard to the use and abuse of narcotics.

As an appendix, there are the personal histories of several addicts, which coincide very well with the views expressed by the author in his book.

L. L. S.

The Surgical Clinics of Chicago. Volume IV, Number I (February, 1920). Octavo of 231 pages, 83 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1920. Published bi-monthly. Price, per year: Paper, \$12.00; Cloth, \$16.00.

A. D. Bevan: Branchial cyst. Intestinal obstruction. Appendical abscess simulating carcinoma of ascending colon. Imperforate anus. Gauze sponge left in gall bladder; removal after interval of eleven years. **E. W. Andrews:** Chronic cholecystitis and cholelithiasis with positive X-Ray diagnosis. Two cases of myeloma. **D. N. Eisendrath:** Inguinal route in femoral herniotomy. **Kellogg Speed:** Prolapsus recti. **Dr. Gatewood:** Stricture of the esophagus. Dislocation of the hip with fracture of the acetabulum. **P. H. Kreuscher:** Carcinoma of esophagus. **A. A. Strauss:** Congenital pyloric stenosis. **Carl Beck:** Ectropion of lower lid. Plastic on the heel. Ununited fracture of tibia and fibula—repair by open operation and wiring of fragments. **C. B. Davis:** Lymphosarcoma of spine. Extradural fibroma of the spine. Ulnar paralysis. **L. L. MacArthur:** Sarcoma of the posterior tibial nerve—Excision—Removal of metastatic foci in retroperitoneal lymph-glands three months later. **G. D. J. Griffin:** Empyema—A brief resume of treatment. **B. F. Davis:** Traumatic separation of upper femoral epiphysis. **G. L. McWhorter:** Circumcision: Technic of local anesthesia. Arthrotomy of knee-joint under local anesthesia for removal of medial meniscus. **C. M. McKenna:** Cysts of the epididymis and vas. Hydrocele and amputation of the scrotum. Sarcoma of bladder. **Carey Culbertson:** Ligament shortening in treatment of retroflexion of uterus. **E. L. Cornell:** Kronig Cesarean section. **R. L. Moodie:** Studies in paleopathology—The diseases of the ancient Peruvians, and some account of their surgical practices.

The Economy of the Animal Kingdom. By Emanuel Swedenborg; translated from the Latin by Rev. Augustus Cissold. M. A. In 2 volumes, 996 pages. New York: The New Church Press.

Here are two books written by Swedenborg, dealing with anatomy, physiology and philosophy, taking up such subjects as the composition of the blood, a description of the arteries and veins, the formation of the chick in the egg, fetal circulation, the heart of the turtle and many other similar subjects which one would hardly imagine would interest a theological philosopher such as Swedenborg. It is not very likely that the modern